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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA

REF: A) BUCHAREST 1152; B) BUCHAREST 2018

1. IN SEPARATE RECENT CONVERSATIONS, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR AND THE CHINESE CHARGE HAVE CONFIRMED EXPECTED VISIT PROBABLY IN JUNE OF HIG-LEVEL CHINESE DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA. THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD ALSO VISIT FRANCE ON THE SAME TRIP. THE CHINESE CHARGE CONFIRMED THAT A VISIT, BY HUA KUO-FENG, WOULD BE MADE TO BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ALBANIA, HE STATED THAT HE HAD "NO INFORMATION" ON THAT POSSIBILTIY, WHICH IN THE CONTEXT REPRESENTED A NEGATVE. CONFIDENTIAL

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IT IS NOTCLEAR WHETHER THE CHINESE MAY HAVE DECIDED TO MERGE THE VISITS REPORTED REFTEL A, OR WHETHER THE CHINESE CHARGE WAS BEING INEXACT IN INDICATING THAT HUA WOULD VISIT BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE IN JUNE, RATHER THAN IN A SUBSEQUENT SEPARATE VISIT. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B, CHINESE MAY THEMSELVES NOT BE CERTAIN AT THIS POINT AS WHETHER HUA OR TENG WILL HEAD THEIR DELEGATION.

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